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Berlinale 2009 – Looking for the new jury in the section *Perspektive Deutsches Kino*!

TV5MONDE, official partner of the Berlinale, and the German-French Youth Office (FGYO) are now calling for bids to enter the jury for the prize "Dialogue en perspective"

Young cinéastes with a passion for critical film analysis can apply from now on to become a jury member for the independent Berlinale award "Dialogue en perspective". The prize was initiated by TV5MONDE and the FGYO, and will be awarded at the 59th Berlin International Film Festival (February 5-15, 2009) to a film from the *Perspektive Deutsches Kino* section.

Seven German and French film fans, aged between 18 and 29, will be selected for the jury, who will award the price in 2009 for the sixth time. TV5MONDE and the FGYO offer young people with a passion for lively discussions with other film lovers the unique chance to experience and actively participate in the Berlinale 2009.

Those who have a passion for discussions about film, and who can express themselves in both German and French, meet the requirements for the jury.

The deadline for applications is Monday, January 12, 2009.

The seven jury members will be invited to Berlin for the entire festival – including travel costs, accommodation and half-board. They will attend all screenings in the *Perspektive Deutsches Kino* during the Berlinale, and afterwards will present the award to the director of the winning film.

The aim of the "Dialogue en perspective" prize is, for TV5MONDE and the German-French Youth Office, to promote an intercultural dialogue between young German and French people, and to inspire interest for German film among young French people. The prize will be awarded to a film which appeals equally to critical young people of different cultural backgrounds. In 2008, the film *Drifter* by Sebastian Heidinger won the award and was presented last October in Paris in the occasion of the 13th Festival of German Films.

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In the past years, the jury prize "Dialogue en perspective" was awarded to highly praised films in Germany such as *Prinzessinnenbad* by Bettina Blümner (2007), *Der Lebensversicherer* by Bülent Akinci (2006) and *Netto* by Robert Thalheim.

Terms and conditions for participation: www.tv5.de, www.dfjw.org and www.berlinale.de

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